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SUBJ: VISIT OF U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL
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1. THE VISIT OF CHAIRMAN LEONARD MARKS, MEMBER WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH AND STAFF DIRECTOR WILLIAM WELD OF THE U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FROM SEPT 2-5, 1975 MADE AN EXCEPTIONALLY USEFUL INPUT INTO OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN ROMANIA. THE VISIT BEGAN WITH A CALL ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VASILE GLIGA WHO INVITED MESSRS. MARKS, SMITH AND WELD TO RETURN AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF CALLS ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER RADU BOGDAN, COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT DUMITRU GHISE, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRESIDENT IOAN URSU AND STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY VICE RECTORS TUDEREL POSTALACHE AND ION BEIU AS WELL AS A LIVELY SESSION WITH THE ROMANIAN WRITERS UNION. PARTICULAR STRESS WAS PLACED BY MARKS AND SMITH ON THE BROADER RANGE OF BASKET III ISSUES IN THE POST-HELSINKI ERA AND ON SEVERAL OF OUR OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS (I.E. LATE DEPARTURES OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS) IN A MANNER WHICH WAS HELPFUL FOR BOTH US AND THE ROMANIANS.

2. THE FINAL CALL ON GLIGA AT HIS REQUEST (AND WHILE HE WAS IN THE ROLE OF ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER) HAD PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SINCE HE INDICATED THAT THE MFA WILL CALL A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THE INSTITUTIONS VISITED

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TO REVIEW THE STATE OF ALL US-ROMANIAN EXCHANGES. WE WILL

BE WAITING FOR RESULTS. GLIGA ALSO EXTENDED THE RARE COURTESY OF ACCOMPANYING MESSRS. MARKS, SMITH AND WELD TO THE DOOR OF THE MINISTRY AFTER THE MEETING WHERE HE REITERATED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE "NEW IMPULSE THE VISIT HAS GIVEN TO EXHCNAGES."

3. MESSRS. MARKS, SMITH AND WELD WERE RECEIVED VERY CORDIALLY BY ROMANIAN OFFICIALS WHO REITERATED THEIR INTEREST IN IMPROVING AND EXPANDING EXCHANGES WHILE ADMITTING TO DIFFICULTIES IN CARRYING OUT LARGER SCALE PROGRAMS. THE VISIT ALSO AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMISSION TO MEET WITH NEWLY ARRIVED AMERICAN GRANTEES, AS WELL AS SOME FORMER ROMANIAN GRANTEES.

4. MEMCONS AND OTHER FOLLOW-UP MATERIAL WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.
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